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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--WITH GREAT
RELUCTANCE--PRESENTS HIS FRIENDLY NEMESIS

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IN AN ALL-NEW MINI-SERIES!

FEATURING THE

MYSTERY
OF
?

ARCHIMEDES...

AND AN EXTRA-SPECIAL
GUEST APPEARANCE BY
THE

CHAOTIX

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
TURN THE PAGE...
'CAUSE THE WONDERMENT
IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

Of the countless natural wonders on the planet Mobius, none can compare to the awe and majesty of the fabled FLOATING ISLAND.

Its secrets, including those of the legendary CHAOS EMERALD, are preserved and protected by KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. He is the most current sentinel in a long line of guardians.

Though forever apart from the affairs of those who dwell below, the island has its own unique tales of triumph and tragedy. Raised to lofty heights by the power of science, technology would eventually prove a double-edged sword... and a culture's ultimate downfall.

Once home to the most advanced society in living memory, the land has since reverted back to wilderness. But buried deep beneath the shadow of MOUNT FATE, lie signposts to a checkered past – and the artifacts of days perhaps best forgotten.

Still, history has a knack for refreshing the memories of those who fail to heed its lessons.

And that is where our story begins...

DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF THE FABLED FLOATING ISLAND ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS...

...A VAST UNDERGROUND COMPLEX IS ABOUT TO BE INVADED!

HMM... THE ANCIENTS GUARD THEIR SECRETS WELL!

CHAMBER'S LOUSY WITH MOTION-SENSORS...

EVERYTHING FROM TRIPWIRES TO PRESSURE PLATES...

...TO COMPLEX INFRARED ARRAYS!

TRAPDOORS AND DEADFALLS FAR AS THE ELECTRIC EYE CAN SEE!

BOOBY TRAPS BOTH RIDICULOUS...

...AND EXOTIC!

NO WAY CAN I CROSS THE ROOM WITHOUT SETTING AT LEAST ONE OF 'EM OFF!

SO...

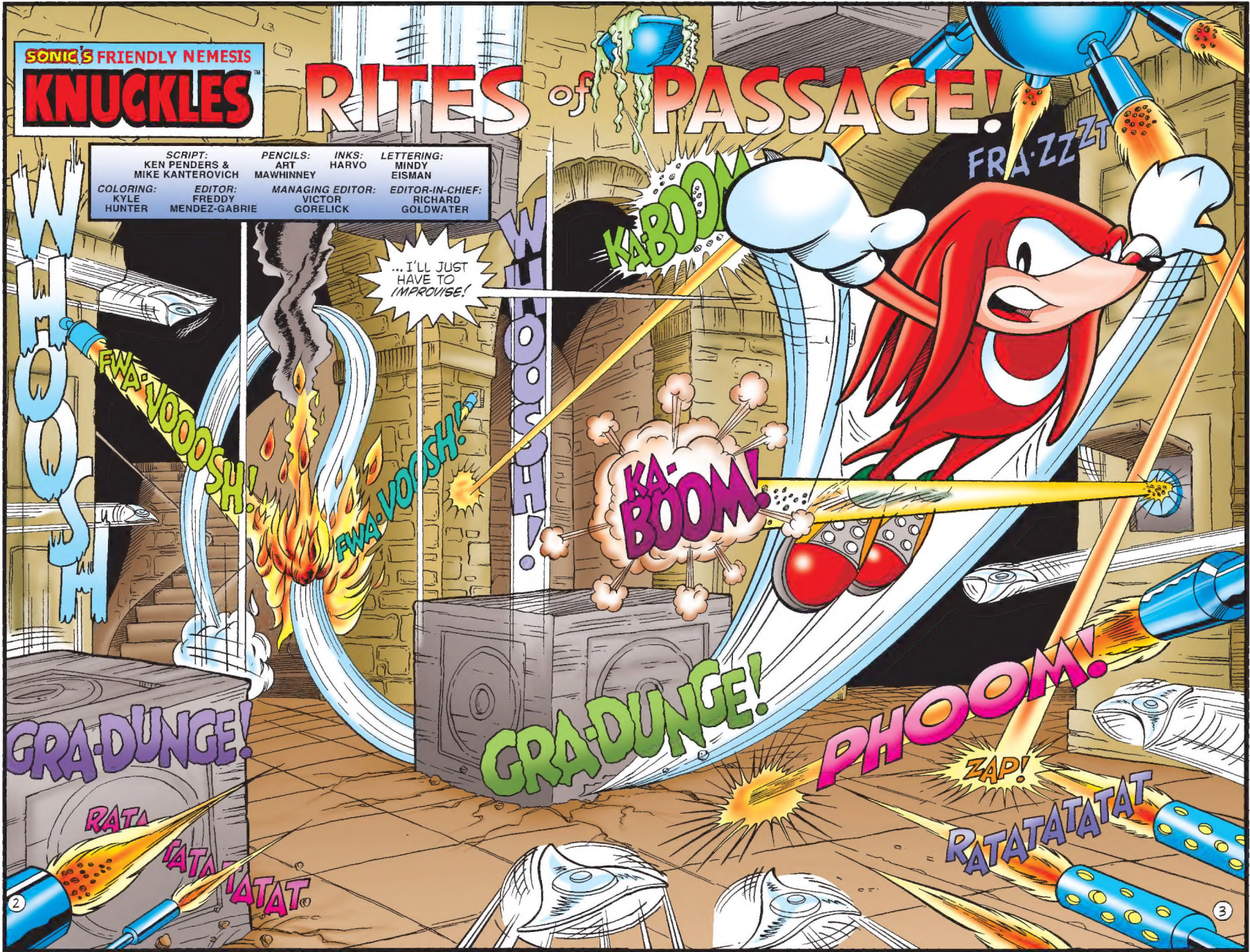
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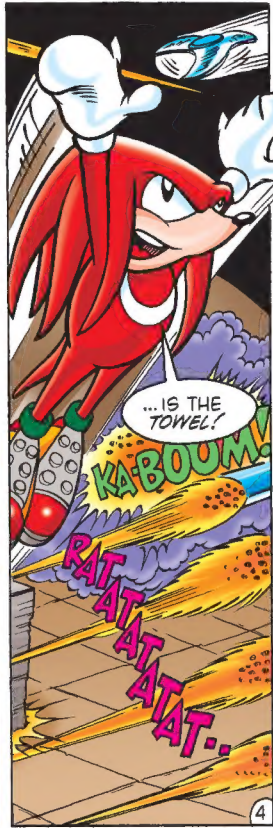
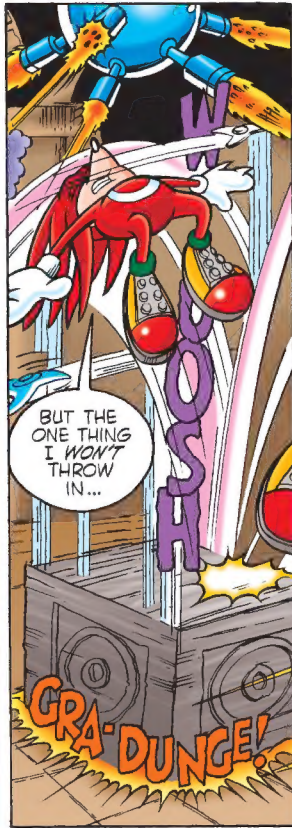
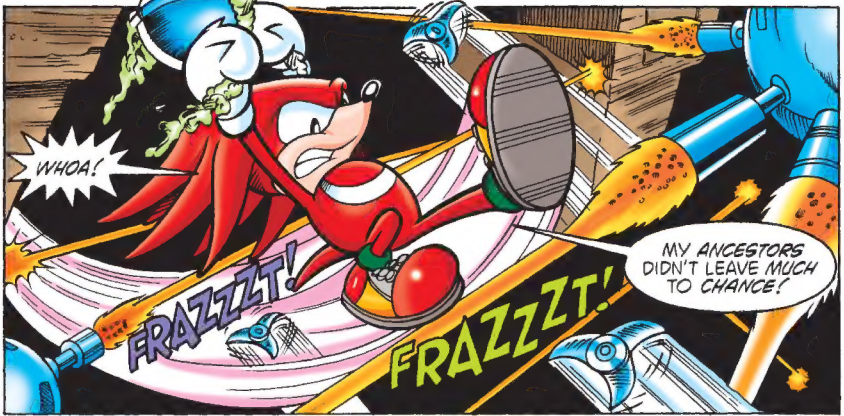
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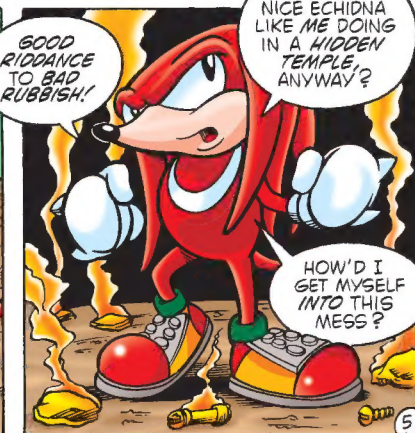
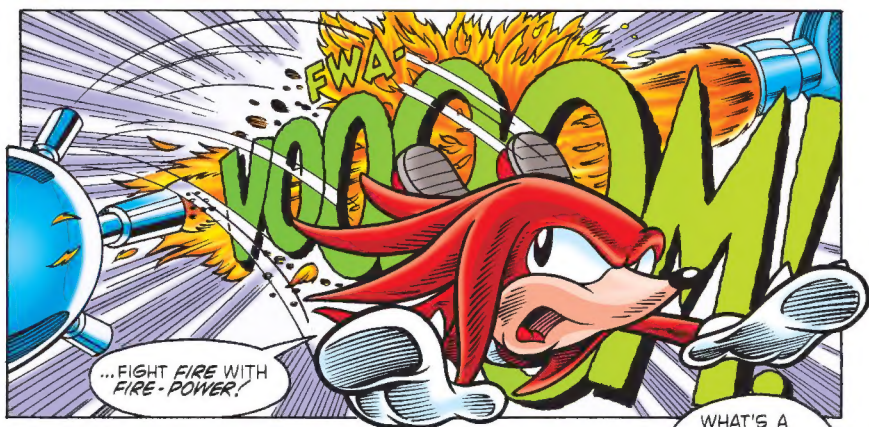
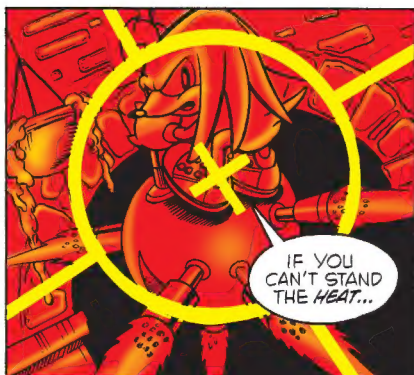
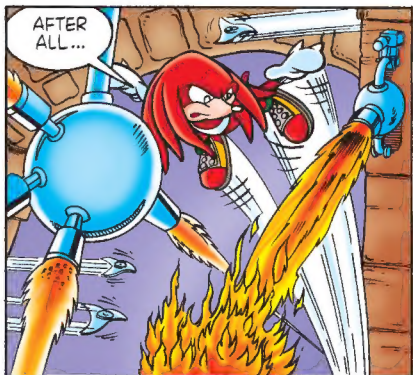
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...I'LL JUST HAVE TO IMPROVISE!





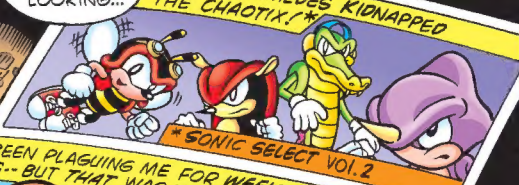


SAME WAY I ALWAYS DO--

--BY LEAPING WITHOUT LOOKING!

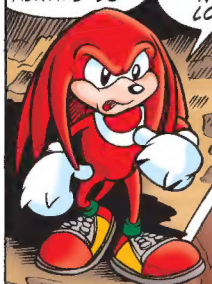
AND WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING...

"... ARCHIMEDES KIDNAPPED THE CHAOTIX! *"



* SONIC SELECT VOL. 2

"HE'D BEEN PLAGUING ME FOR WEEKS WITH TAUNTS AND RIDDLES-- BUT THAT WAS THE LAST STRAW!"

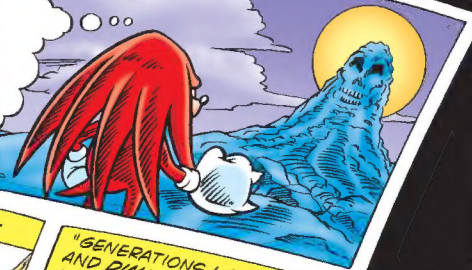


"... ONLY TO FIND MOUNT FATE!"

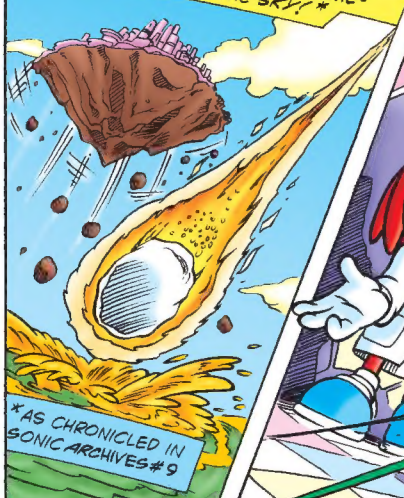
"I SEARCHED FOR ANSWERS..."



"DAD OFTEN SPOKE OF THE MYTHS AND LEGENDS WHICH CENTER AROUND IT..."



"... DATING BACK TO WHEN OUR HOME-LAND FIRST TOUCHED THE SKY! *"



* AS CHRONICLED IN SONIC ARCHIVES #9

"GENERATIONS LATER, BROTHERS EDMUND AND DIMITRI SOUGHT TO RETURN THIS ISLAND TO MOBIUS..."



"... BUT DIMITRI'S ARROGANCE
WOULD PROVE ECHIDNA SOCIETY'S DOWNFALL!"

"HE ABSORBED THE ENERGIES
OF ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE CHAOS
EMERALDS WHICH HELD ECHIDNAOPOLIS ALOFT..."

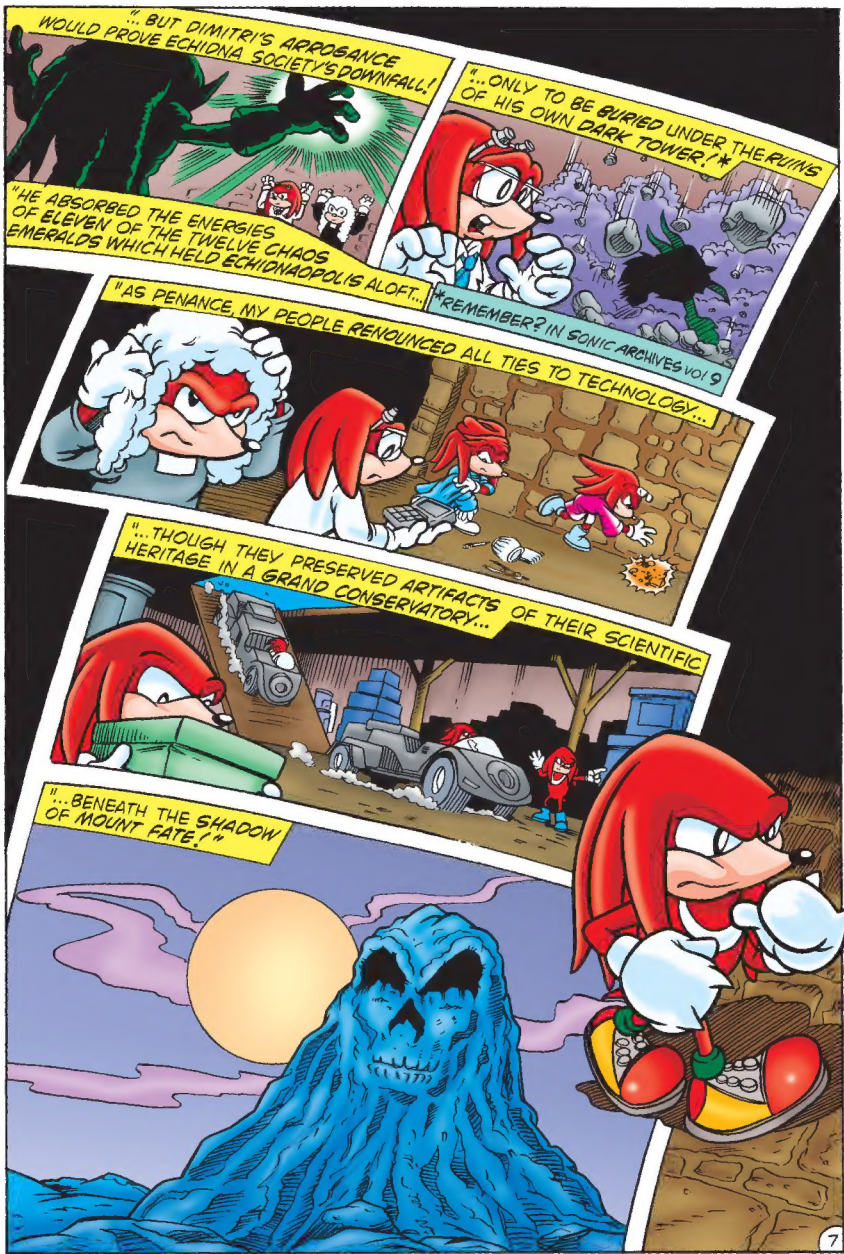
"... ONLY TO BE BURIED UNDER THE RUINS
OF HIS OWN DARK TOWER! *

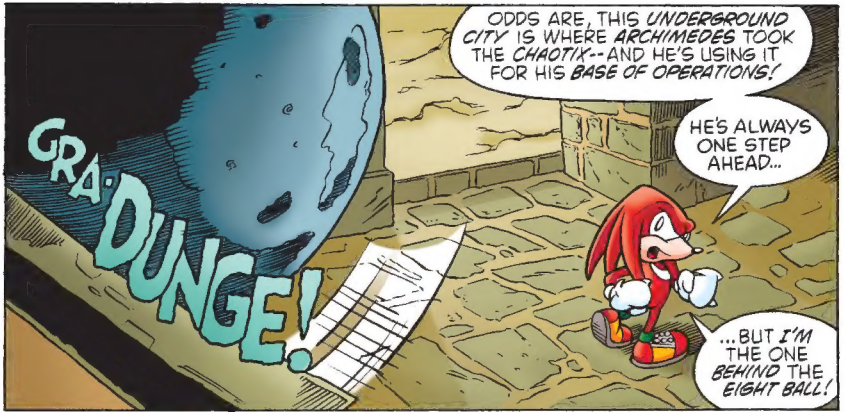
"REMEMBER? IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL 9

"AS PENANCE, MY PEOPLE RENOUNCED ALL TIES TO TECHNOLOGY..."

"... THOUGH THEY PRESERVED ARTIFACTS
OF THEIR SCIENTIFIC
HERITAGE IN A GRAND CONSERVATORY..."

"... BENEATH THE SHADOW
OF MOUNT FATE!"

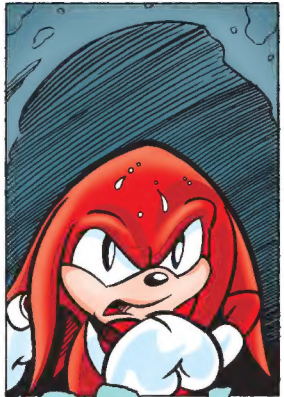
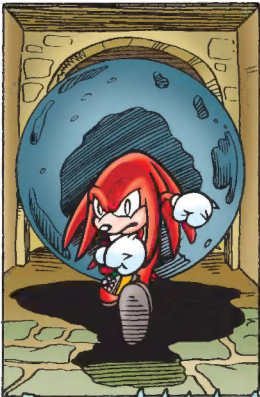




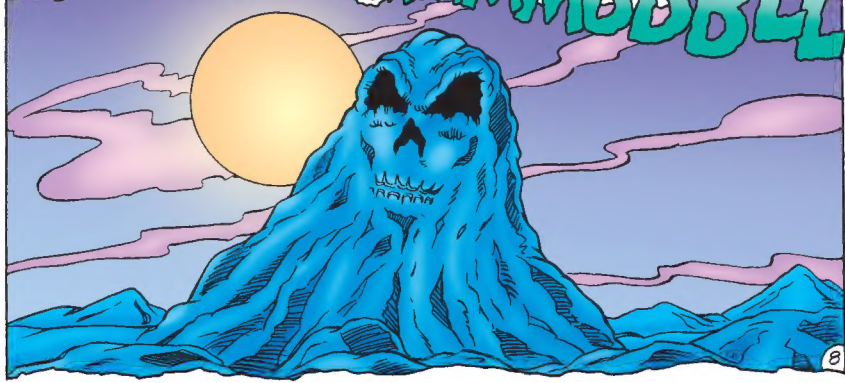
ODDS ARE, THIS UNDERGROUND CITY IS WHERE ARCHIMEDES TOOK THE CHAOTIX--AND HE'S USING IT FOR HIS BASE OF OPERATIONS!

HE'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD...

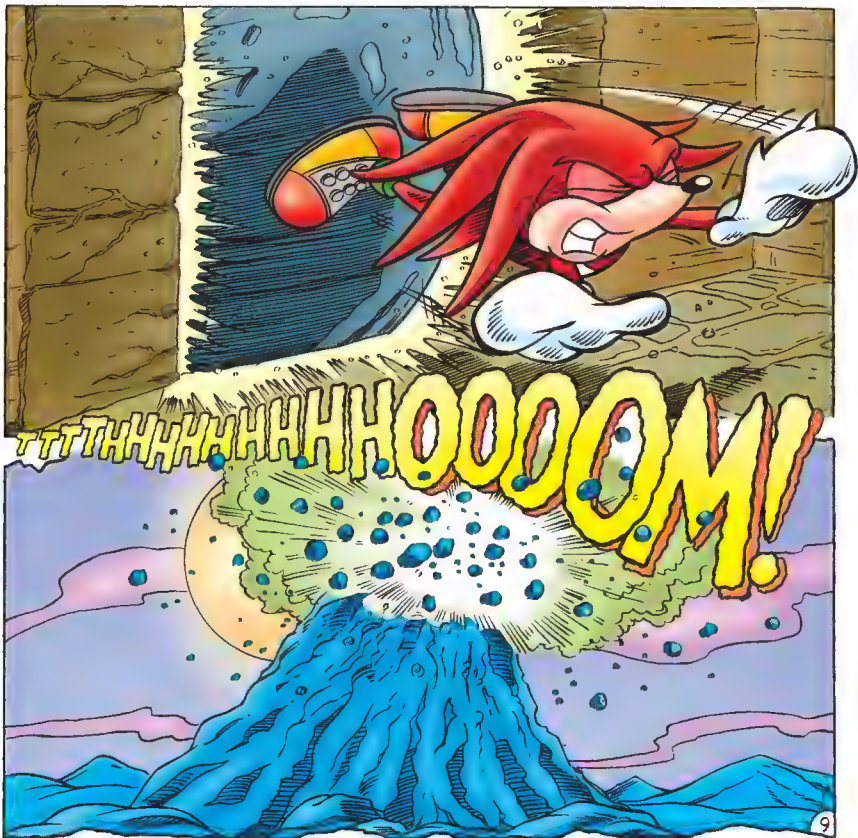
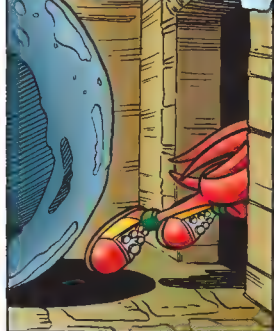
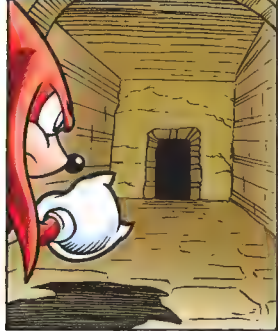
...BUT I'M THE ONE BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL!

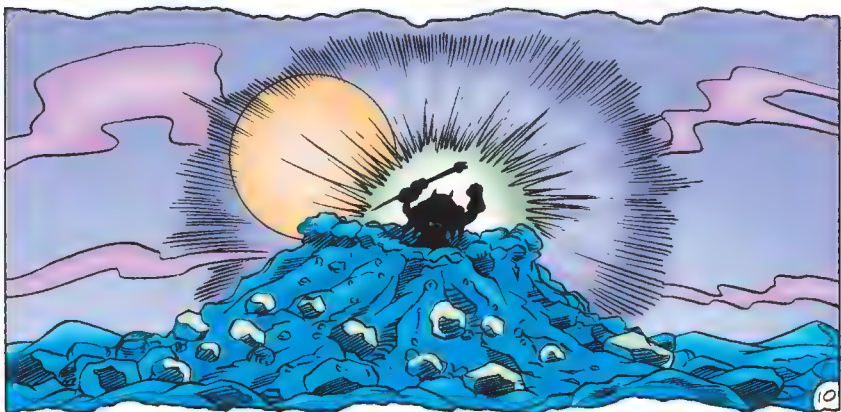
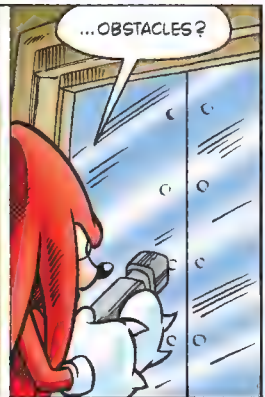
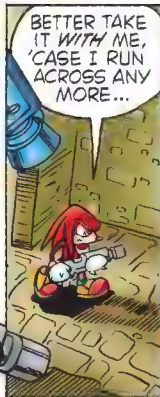
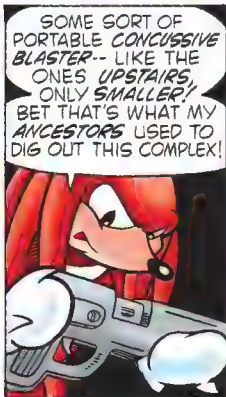
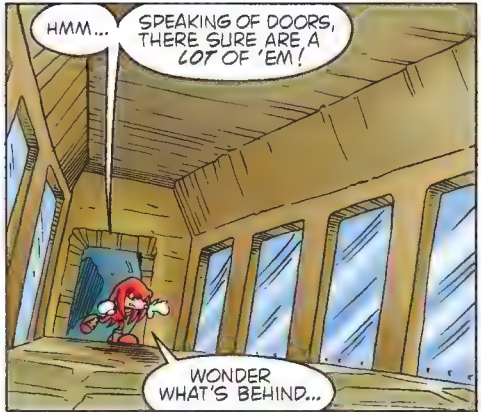


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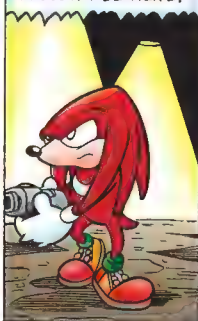




"WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS...OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?"



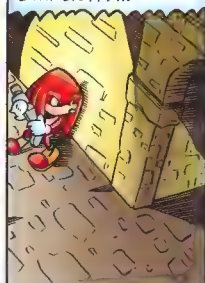
"HAD YOU FOUGHT TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF SEPARATELY, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE!"



"STILL, INTELLIGENCE ASIDE, YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN...ADEQUATE."



"TURNING THE CONSERVATORY'S DEFENSES AGAINST THEMSELVES WAS ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY..."

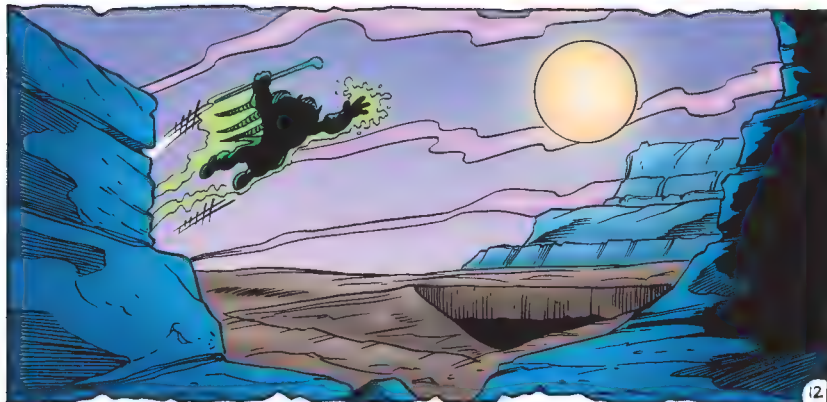
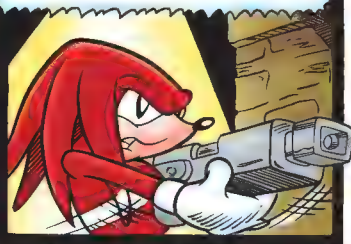


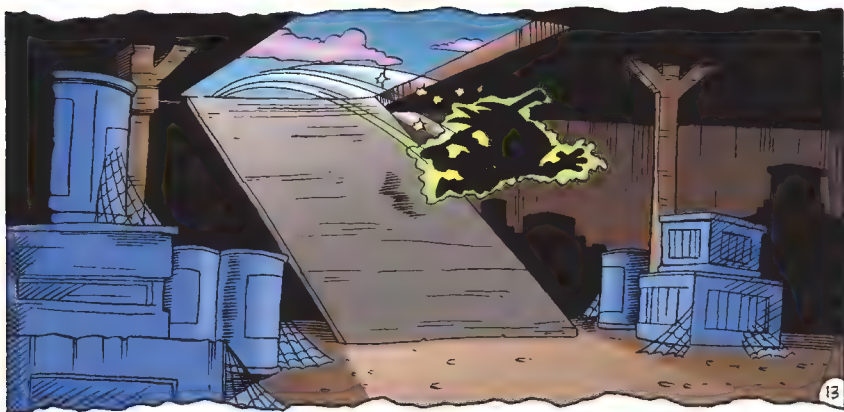
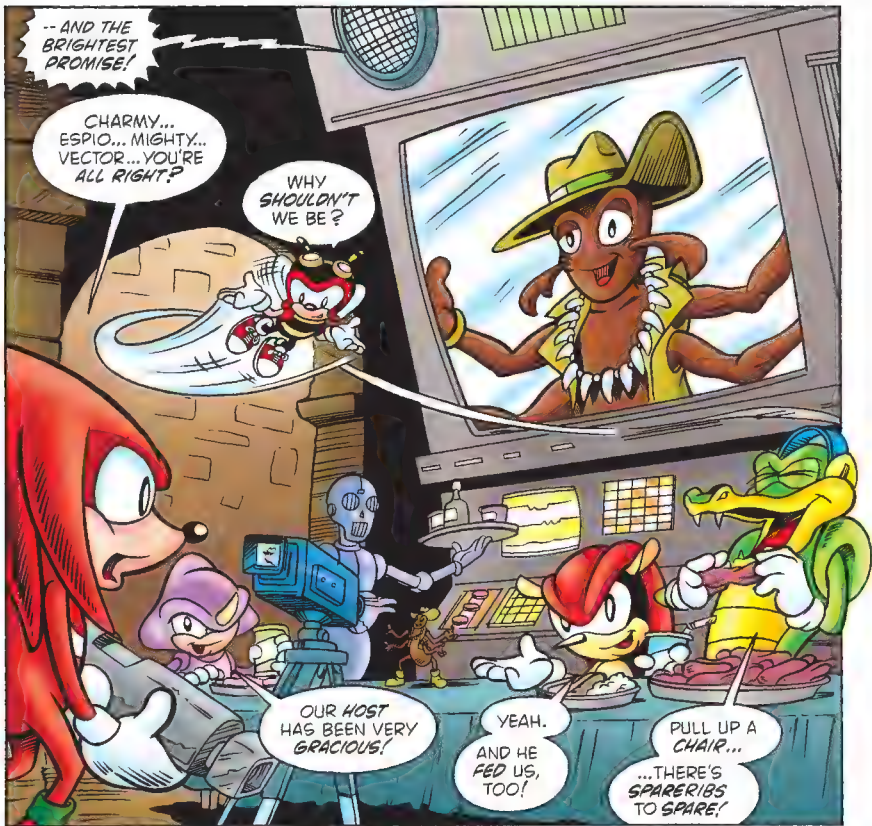
"... ALTHOUGH A TRIFLE MELODRAMATIC!"

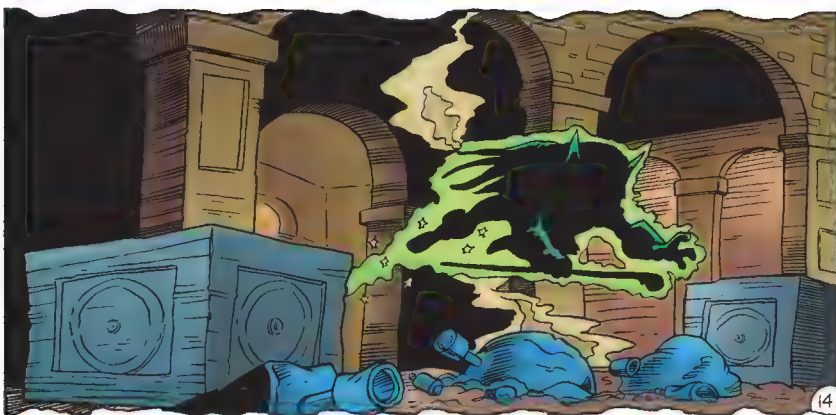
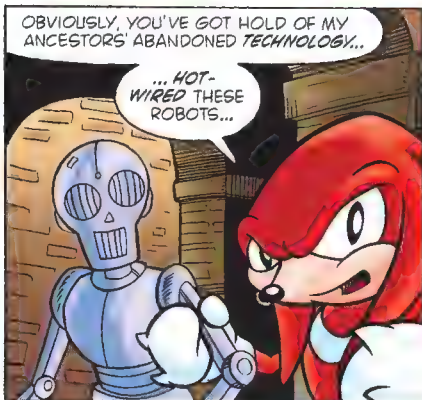
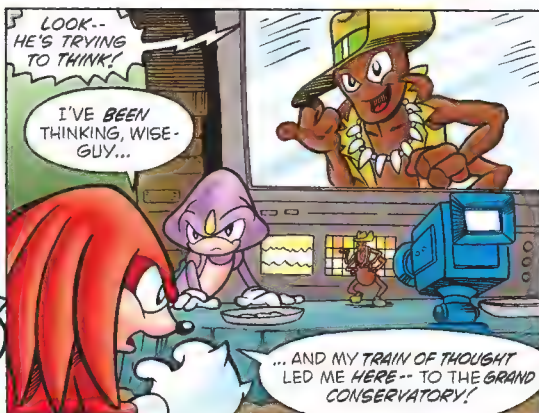


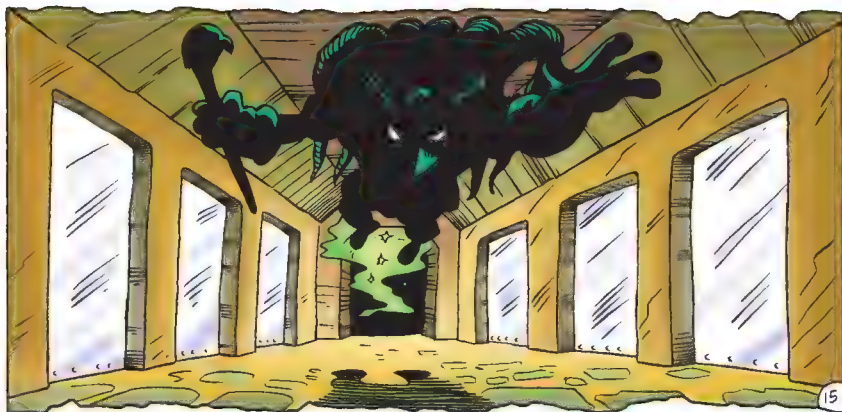
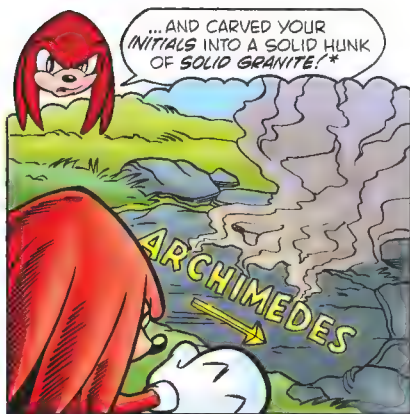
"STILL, YOU CORRECTLY REASONED THAT THE KEY TO THE PRESENT LIES IN YOUR PAST."

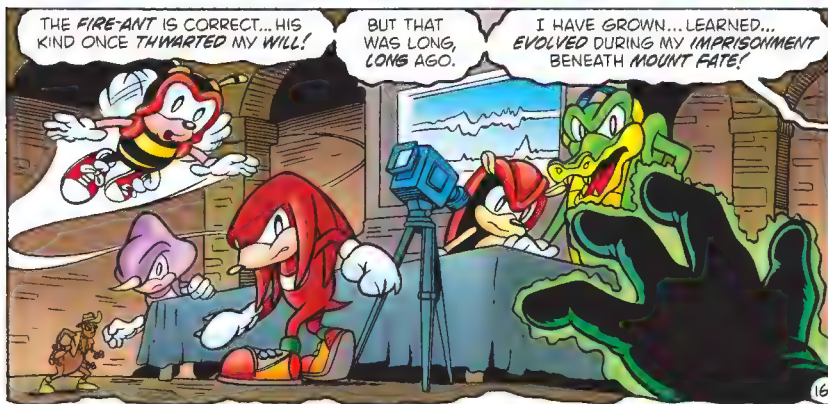
"THAT THE PATH BEST-GUARDED HOLDS BOTH THE MOST PERIL..."









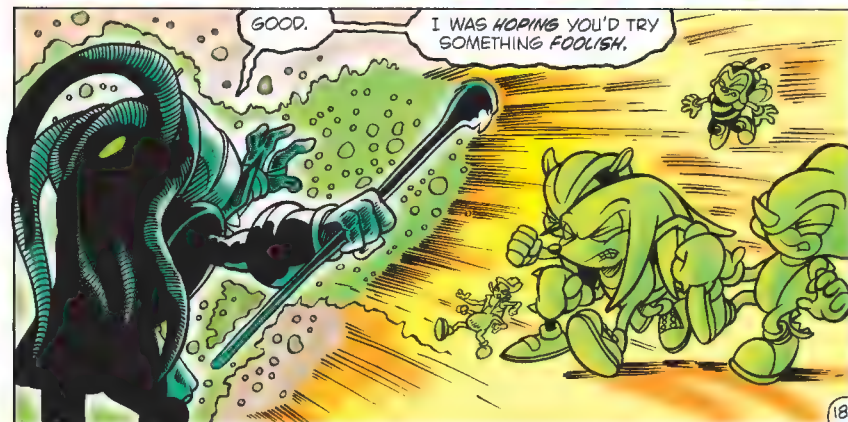


THE ECHIDNA
SCIENTIST DIMITRI
IS NO MORE!

TODAY...

**...ENERJAK
REIGNS
SUPREME!**

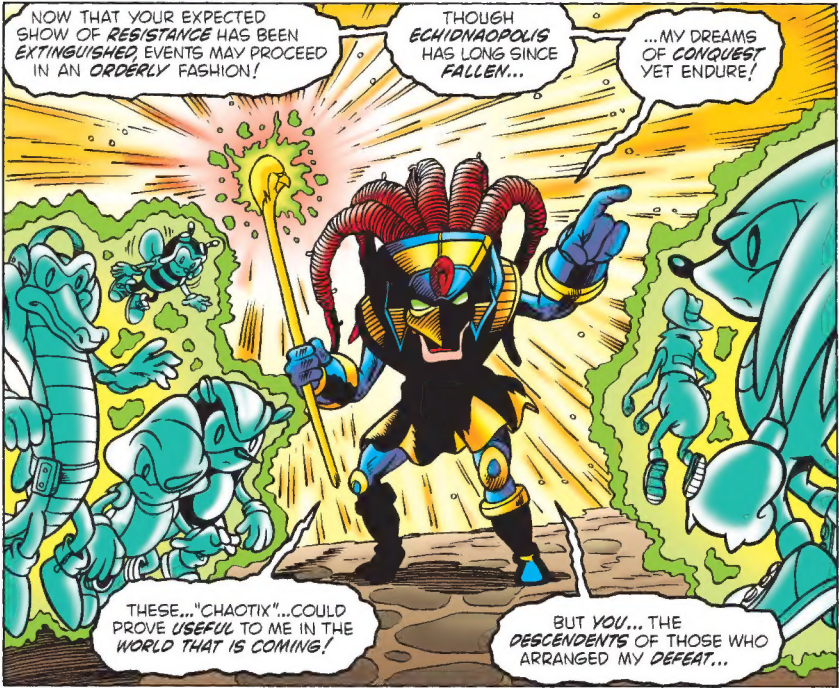








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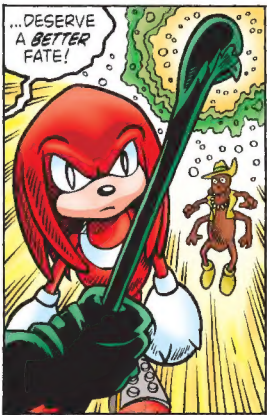
NOW THAT YOUR EXPECTED SHOW OF RESISTANCE HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED, EVENTS MAY PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION!

THOUGH ECHIDNAOPOLIS HAS LONG SINCE FALLEN...

...MY DREAMS OF CONQUEST YET ENDURE!

THESE... "CHAOTIX"... COULD PROVE USEFUL TO ME IN THE WORLD THAT IS COMING!

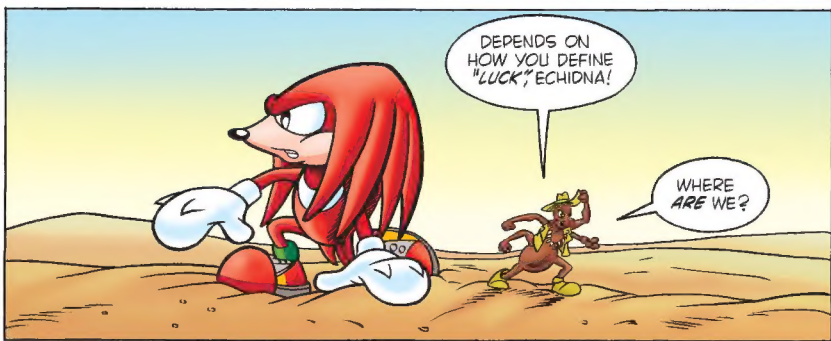
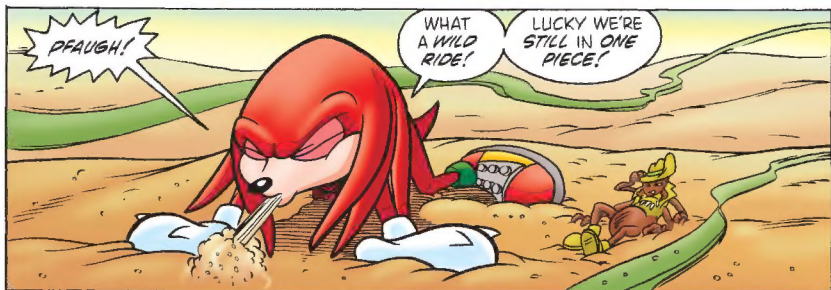
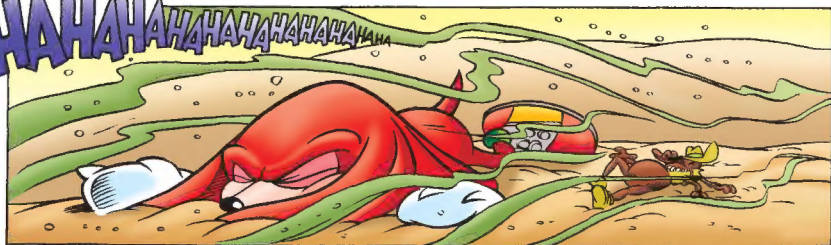
BUT YOU... THE DESCENDENTS OF THOSE WHO ARRANGED MY DEFEAT...

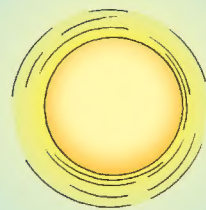


...DESERVE A BETTER FATE!

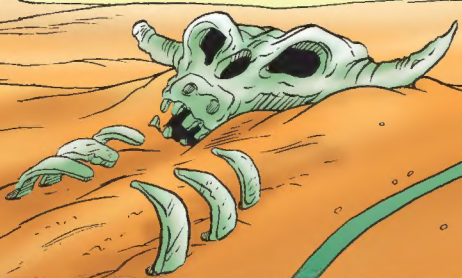
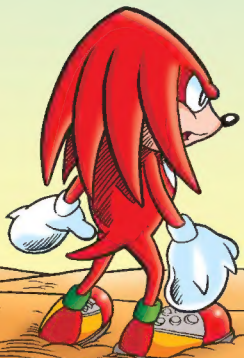


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...IT'S GONNA
BE A *LONG*
WALK HOME.



TO BE CONTINUED!